

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5421

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : LA, US, CASC

SUBJECT : LAOS ENTRY FOR ABC NEWS STRINGER DON RONK

REF: STATE 154302

1. RONK WAS INFORMED BY THE RTG LAST WEEK THAT IT WOULD NOT RENEW HIS VISA TO STAY HERE AND CONTINUE WORKING AT THE BANGKOK POST. HE WAS ORDERED TO REPORT TO IMMIGRATION AUGUST 3 TO LEARN WHEN HE MUST LEAVE THAILAND. HE TOLD THE PRESS ATTACHE HE WOULD PROBABLY TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA, SEEK A TOURIST VISA, AND RETURN TO THAILAND FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS IN ORDER TO PLEAD HIS CASE WITH THE THAI AND LAO.

2. RONK TOLD PRESS ATTACHE HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY ARTICLES OR ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD HAVE ANGERED THE THAI. HE SUPPOSED THE RTG WAS EXPELLING HIM FOR THE OLD PIECE ACCUSING SOUVANNA OF BUYING VOTES, THE ONE THAT GOT HIM INTO HOT WATER WITH THE RLG. HE NOTED THAT THE RTG WOULD PROBABLY USE SOME TECHNICALITY AS THE OFFICIAL REASON FOR ITS MOVE.

3. THE CHIEF OF THE PRESS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID TODAY HE KNOWS OF RONK'S CASE ONLY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL TERMS, THAT HE WILL CHECK INTO THE REASONS FOR

HIS VISA PROBLEMS IN THAILAND, AND LET US KNOW IN A  
FEW DAYS.  
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